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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

After two days of anti-American polemics -- a surprising peace move today by Soviet Premier Kosygin -- currently visiting in London. The move drastic -- in that it came in a news conference, televised live to the United States -- via Telstar communication satellite.

Kosygin saying the United States could begin peace talks with Hanoi -- right now, if only it would call an unconditional halt -- to the bombing of North Vietnam. The Russian Premier further urging the U.S. to take advantage of this change -- as he put it -- to "find a way out of the present impasse."

In a later speech to parliament -- Kosygin also calling for a British and Russian non-aggression pact; a treaty of friendship and peaceful cooperation -- that would be an "example for many other nations" -- said he.

WASHINGTON FOLLOW KOSYGIN

First reaction in Washington -- one of extreme caution. Apparently based on suspicion that Kosygin's remarks -- may have been still another Soviet propaganda trick. The White House noting pointedly -- that Kosygin made "no mention" of any comparable de-escalation of the war -- that, quote, "the other side should take," unquote.

RUSK FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Secretary of State Dean Rusk later adding -- there can be no prolonged suspension of U.S. bombing against North Vietnam, as long said he -- as long as the Communists "continue their military action" -- in South Vietnam.

SAIGON

News from Saigon tells today -- of repeated Communist violations of that four day truce in Vietnam. U.S. officials claiming nearly more than a hundred incidents -- in the first two days of the cease fire.

On the other hand -- the Viet Cong today providing an unexpected truce bonus. Releasing some forty prisoners -- in Honor of the New Year's holiday. All of them -- believed to be South Vietnamese.

MOSCOW

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Latest on that split between Russia and Red China --
least stronger than ever before, as the key -- to the
a stiff note today from Moscow. The Kremlin telling China
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to call off immediately it's siege of the Russian Embassy
in Peking -- or face possible retaliation.

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COLOMBIA

The mountain quiet of the High Andes -- shattered today by a violent earthquake. The tremor hitting hardest -- in Colombia's heavily populated interior; then rolling west to the Pacific -- and South to Peru.

AID FOLLOW HASSAN

Speaking of foreign aid -- another special message today to Congress. The President calling for enactment -- of a new three billion-plus foreign aid program. Not based on "charity" -- said he; but rather emphasizing assistance to those countries -- willing to help themselves.

Nevertheless -- the President apparently expecting another rough go in Congress; for he added that "nothing could be more short sighted and self defeating" -- than to cut back foreign aid in the present world situation. The cost little enough -- said the President -- "to reduce the chances ⁹ of future Vietnams."

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BALTIMORE

Something of a minor miracle today in Baltimore -- as you may have heard by now. About a hundred worshipers -- attending morning services in Saint Rose of Lima Roman Catholic church; when the roof suddenly collapsed under the weight of nearly a foot of snow -- with the walls tumbling in after.

Dozens of people buried in the rubble -- including many children. With fears of a major tragedy -- gripping police and firemen; who rushed to the scene -- there digging frantically for survivors.

In the end -- they found some thirty injured -- fifteen badly enough to require hospitalization. But no one killed.

I am in Washington again tonight, with the Alaskan L.T. who has flown down from the North to speak at Constitution Hall -- tonight, tomorrow afternoon and evening on his state, Alaska and it's Centennial. For the National Geographic Society.

Also ran into Walter Crenkite a moment ago -- Walter here to speak at Johns Hopkins.

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SAN ANTONIO

From San Antonio Texas -- a defense today of the high cost of space exploration. Presented by Brigadier General Thomas Crouch -- at the school of Aero Space Medicine.

General Crouch -- sighting literally dozens of cases; where techniques and materials developed for the U.S. space program have since been adapted to practical use right here on earth. For example, the space age metal -- Titanium; principal ingredient -- in artificial heart valves. Not to mention the use of Dacron, Teflon and Silastic -- in the treatment of circulatory and brain disease.

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WAUKESHA

A sad, sad story comes today -- from Waukesha, Wisconsin. A story about Mr. and Mrs. Howard Landry -- remember? She -- a widow with ten children; he -- a widower with eight children when they met and married -- in Nineteen-Sixty-Three.

Since then -- the Landry's have had a child of their own -- making nineteen altogether. But now -- the honeymoon is over. Mrs. Landry -- obtaining a legal separation.

The judge who heard the case -- blaming the breakup on what he called an "almost insurmountable problem." That of trying to raise nineteen children -- under the same roof.